

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-10 have been amended to correct typographical errors and for clarification purposes.

New claims 11 and 12 have been added.

Claims 3 and 9 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 10-12 remain in the case for consideration.

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rumph et al. (US Patent No. 6,327,043).

Claim 1 has been to include the elements of previously pending claim 3 and to include an additional feature. Rumph does not teach each and every element of amended claim 1 for at least the reason that it does not teach a third raster control block of data received by the printer while the marking device is marking on the page according to a third one of the raster scan lines. In Rumph, a scanline run list is generated and then command instructions and data are sent to the IOT (Image Output Terminal) scanline-by-scanline (see abstract, and also see col. 7, lines 44-48 “on a scan line-by-scan line basis”). Such language is also supported by Rumph’s Figure 29, which shows objects assembled by scanline prior to printing at the IOT. In contrast, the invention of claim 1 can receive control blocks of data pertaining to a scan line while the printer is in the middle of said scan line. Such a feature is taught in the application at, for example, Page 6, lines 4-8.

Claim 3 has been cancelled. Claims 2 and 4 are dependent on claim 1, therefore Rumph does not teach each and every element of claims 2 and 4 for at least the same reason as claim 1.

Claims 5 and 7 have been amended similarly to claim 1. Therefore, Rumph does not teach each and every element of amended claims 5 and 7 for at least similar reasons as claim 1. Claim 6 depends from claim 5 and claims 8 and 10 depend from claim 7, respectively, and therefore Rumph does not teach each and every element of claims 6, 8, and 10 for at least the same reason as claims 5 and 7.

NEW CLAIMS

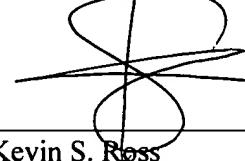
New claims 11 and 12 have been added and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 1 and 5 respectively.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 2, and 4-12 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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